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MENT OF US/EURATOM RELATIONS

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1. AT PRESS CONFERENCES DURING THE APRIL 7-8 EUROPEAN COUNCIL
MEETING, FRG CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND UK FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN
COMMENTED ON DISCUSSIONS BY THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS ON RENEGOTI-
ATION OF THE US-EURATOM AGREEMENT (REPORTED REFTELS - BEING REPEATED
ALL ADDRESSEES).

2. SCHMIDT TOLD REPORTERS THAT, ALTHOUGH THE ISSUE WAS NOT
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DISCUSSED BY EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS DID
DISCUSS IT NIGHT OF APRIL 7. HE CONFIRMED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO
EC REPLY TO US BY APRIL 9 DEADLINE, BUT ADDED THAT RECENT US/
GERMAN DISCUSSIONS GAVE HIM REASON TO BELIEVE THERE IS NO CAUSE
FOR PREOCCUPATION ON THE MATTER.

3. OWEN TOLD REPORTERS AFTERNOON OF APRIL 7 (BEFORE FOREIGN

MINSTERS' DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUE) THAT, IN HIS OWN VIEW, EC
COMMISSION SHOULD NOT REPLY TO US UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY EC COUNCIL.
HE SAID GENERAL FEELING AMONG MEMBER STATES IS THAT EC SHOULD
AGREE TO DISCUSSIONS WITH US, WHICH, HE EMPHASIZED, IS NOT SAME
AS AGREEMENT TO RENEGOTIATE.
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